



ENVIRONMENT & INNOVATION:

Theme 2007/2009

**Climate Change:
Let's Save Energy!**

The Danish Outdoor Council - Friluftsrådet

The Outdoor Council is a non-governmental organisation founded in 1942. It operates as an umbrella organisation, today with 94 individual member organisations. These are all national organisations and together they cover practically all types of outdoor recreational activities as well as nature protection interests. The aim of the Outdoor Council is to promote outdoor recreation for organisations and the general public under consideration of both environmental needs and needs for nature protection. The member organisations are all represented in the General Assembly, the highest body of authority of the Council. The daily operation of the Outdoor Council is managed by a Board and carried out by a Secretariat.

The Outdoor Council's approach to environmental education is three-thronged: education in the formal system, training of professionals and awareness raising of the public.

Today, the co-operation with other outdoor recreation organisations is primarily in Scandinavia. But the Outdoor Council has a keen eye on the Baltic region, the rest of Europe and worldwide. The objectives of the international work of the Danish Outdoor Council can be summarised as follows:

- Apply our special expertise in environmental assistance projects
- Establish a European network of outdoor recreation interest groups
- Ensure funding for international NGO co-operation
- Develop national campaigns into international projects
- Offer assistance and capacity building to our members organisations

In November 2007 the Environment and Innovation was started in Denmark. A total of 5 schools submitted their ideas and 3 of them were awarded.

Awarded schools:

- ✓ Hedegaardenes skole (Roskilde) - ***Climate laboratory***
- ✓ Janderup Skole (Varde) - ***Energy owl***
- ✓ Krogårdsskolen (Greve) - ***The Climate Patrol on Visit***

The National Jury comprising entities such as The Danish Outdoor Council, Toyota Denmark, Esbensen Rådgivende Ingeniører A/S and Copenhagen Environment and Energy Office awarded on June 2009 "Energy owl" by Krogårdsskolen School as Denmark's best project and accomplished the 2nd place on the International competition.

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